

**Department of Community and Economic Development
Development Services Division
ADMINISTRATIVE POLICY/ CODE INTERPRETATION**

MUNICIPAL

CODE SECTIONS: RMC 4-4-010, Standards for Animal Keeping, RMC 4-4-040, Fences and Hedges, RMC 4-8-120C, Land Use Application Submittal Requirements, and 4-9-100, Additional Animals Permit Process.

REFERENCE: Ordinance 5470

SUBJECT: Clarification of regulations applicable to the keeping of pets and domestic animals.

BACKGROUND: The animals regulations have been recently amended and staff is now endeavoring to put the restrictions into a user-friendly handout format for the public.

JUSTIFICATION: Upon review of the regulations for keeping of animals, it was determined that in order to ensure consistency in implementation among the various City staff dealing with animal standards, clarification of some of the provisions were necessary.

DECISION: Attachment A, "Customer Information Bulletin – Requirements for Keeping Pets and Other Animals" and Attachment B, "Additional Animals Permit Application", are hereby adopted as the City's policy for implementing the new animal-related regulations.

DEVELOPMENT SERVICES

DIRECTOR

APPROVAL:

Neil R. Watts

DATE: January 14, 2010

**APPEAL
PROCESS:**

To appeal this determination, a written appeal--accompanied by the required filing fee--must be filed with the City's Hearing Examiner (1055 S. Grady Way, Renton, WA 98057) no more than 14 days from the date of this decision. Your submittal should explain the basis for the appeal. Section 4-8-11 of the Renton Municipal Code provides further information on the appeal process.

**CODE
AMENDMENTS
NEEDED TO
IMPLEMENT**

DETERMINATIONS: Various sections of the Renton Municipal Code will need to be amended to read as shown on Attachment C.